

open coal mine at Wani area in the district of Yavatmal in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether land of farmers is being acquired for the said open cast coal mine; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to resettle the farmers

whose land is likely to be acquired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Western Coalfields Ltd. proposd to open two projects namely Junad-I OC and Nirguda OC at Wani area in Yeotmal District of Maharashtra.

(b) The details as per project report are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Project Capacity (MTY)	Anticipated Investment (Rs.cr.)	Man Power	Require-ment of land	Approval status
1.	Junad-I OC	0.32	19.14	253	145 Ha.	Project Report Approved
2.	Nirguda OC	0.75	79.03	568	279 Ha.	Only advance action proposal of Rs. 2.32 crores approved.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In addition to compensation for land, one employment to each land-oustee family losing 3 acres and above of non-irrigated land or 2 acres and above of irrigated land is proposed to be provided to eligible land oustees/direct male dependent nominee between between 18-35 years of age, as per norms of the company.

#### Small Industries Service Institute

5466. SHRI P.C. CHACKO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been forwarded by Small Industries Service Institute, Thrissur to Development Commissioner (SSI) for converting Central Workshop, Thrissur into a Mini Tool Room;

(b) if so, whether the modernisation of Central Workshop attached to SISI, Thrissur is going to further develop small scale mechanical based industry in the region; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There are altogether 7873 SSI Units presently engaged in mechanical activities. During 1993-94 and 1994-95, each year only 89 units taking up mechanical activities availed of the facilities of the workshop attached to the SISI, Thrissur. The revenue earning of the workshop was Rs. 21,603/- in 1993-94 and Rs. 24,450/- in 1994-95 against an annual target of Rs. 59000/- for each year. Though the proposal of the SISI, Thrissur is under examination, since only 1.13 percent of the existing units are availing the facilities of the workshop which is negligible, it is felt that the conversion of workshop into a Mini Tool Room may not be a feasible proposition. However, replacement of some old machines of the workshop with new ones

shall be done as and when requested by the SISI, Thrissur.

#### Investment Proposal of Coca Cola

5467. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item, under the caption "30 bottling Ventures Coca-Cola seeks upfront nod" appearing in the Observer dated April 26, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details regarding Foreign Direct Investment proposals made by the company and present status thereof; and

(d) the details regarding policy of the Government in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Government have approved the proposal of M/s Coca Cola South Asia Holding Inc., USA, for investment of US \$ 700.00 million in two wholly owned subsidiary companies over a period of 10 years for the purpose of production and distribution of non-alcoholic beverages. M/s Coca Cola has also been permitted to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in Gujarat to establish bottling plants in Western India. The downstream ventures set up by these two holding companies may be initially started as 100% subsidiaries which shall off-load 49% of equity to Indian share holders within a period of 3-5 years.

In order to implement the Government approval, M/s Coca-Cola South Asia Holdings Inc., USA has set up two wholly owned Indian holding companies namely, (i) M/s Hindustan Coca-cola Holdings Pvt. Ltd., and (ii) M/s Bharat Coca-Cola Holdings Pvt. Ltd. These holding companies have submitted a proposal for setting up two downstream ventures each, which is pending consideration of Government.